

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCING RECIPIENTS OF THE INAUGURAL CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT OF TEXAS—PAUL M. SIMEON, JR.

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to announce before my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives the names of eleven distinguished military veterans and community servants who call the Third District of Texas home. For their selfless service and dedication to their neighbors and nation, the following individuals have been selected as recipients of the inaugural Congressional Veteran Commendation:

United States Marine Corps Sergeant Paul M. Simeon, Jr. is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. He deployed to Afghanistan with the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion in 2002. During his years as an active duty Marine, Simeon earned a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Certificate of Commendation, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, and Meritorious Mast and Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals.

Upon his exit from the Marine Corps, Simeon became a patrol officer for the New York City Police Department. He put his military training to good use keeping the streets of Brooklyn safe. During his tenure as an officer, Simeon was awarded the Excellent Police Duty Commendation for outstanding service.

In 2010, Simeon moved to Frisco, Texas, where he now resides. With the ultimate goal of becoming a doctor, Simeon has returned to school where he serves as president of the Collin College chapter of Student Veterans of America. He works day in and day out to ease the transition for returning warriors from military service to academic life. In the words of Sergeant Simeon, "If one of us fails, we all fail. We leave no one behind."

Always faithful, Simeon continues to exemplify the Marine Corps Motto by serving his peers.

Therefore, it is my pleasure to name Paul M. Simeon a recipient of the inaugural Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING MS. JESSIE FRANKLIN WILLIAMS FOR HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND HER COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable parent

and an outstanding public servant, Ms. Jessie Franklin Williams. Ms. Williams has devoted her entire life to education and service. She was born on January 4, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Franklin in Greenville, Mississippi. She is the eldest of ten children and the widow of the late Mr. Albert Joe Williams. She is also the proud mother of four daughters: Sharon, Kyshea, Albetha and Jessica and grandmother of seven beautiful grandchildren.

Ms. Williams attended Coleman High School in Greenville, Mississippi; Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi and Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi. She is a student of history and dedicated her 38-year career to teaching the subject of Social Studies in the Shaw, Mississippi School District.

She has trained with the Office of Innovative and School Improvement and completed studies through the File Management for Educators program. Her additional instruction include: The Praxis Series Validation and Standard Setting Professional Assessments for Beginning Teachers, Strategies and Tools for Improving Student Learning and Achievement and Preps Subject Area Training.

She was appointed by former Governor of Mississippi and current Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ray Mabus, to serve on the State Health and Human Services Board. Ms. Williams has also served on the Washington County (MS) Election Commission and evaluated high schools for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). She has served as a member of the Greenville Pride Committee and served on the Board for Project Weed and Seed of Greenville, Mississippi. She also sings with the Soulful Temps Gospel Group.

Ms. Williams has lived through major periods in American History. She journeyed with America through times of both segregation and integration, becoming the first African American teacher to integrate the public schools in the Mississippi Delta. She was chosen Star Teacher and Teacher of the Year several times in her School District.

She serves as church announcer and president of the New Mt. Bethel Choir. She has served as President of the Elegant Ebonettes' Social and Civic Club, and worked with the Excellence Groups; which is a group of teachers and students dedicated to improving proficiency in the classroom.

She is passionate about education and has a consecrated love for her students. She has sponsored mock trials, mock elections, oratorical contests, and pageants all with the intent of promoting academic excellence and diversity among her students. Her motto is: "Good habits produce good conduct, long life and prosperity."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. Jessie Franklin Williams for her dedication and commitment to education and empowering America's next generation.

IN HONOR OF TEAM 4MIL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Team 4Mil as they continue their mission to inspire, invigorate, and support wounded veterans through rehabilitative cycling programs and competitions.

Team 4Mil is a volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity comprised of veterans from all branches of the United States military. This group of athletes has joined together to produce a cycling team which competes annually in Race Across America, RAAM, in order to generate support and promote the Wounded Warrior Project. This cycling competition is among the most strenuous acts of endurance. A three thousand mile course, which stretches from coast to coast, is travelled twenty four hours a day and takes about a week to complete, pushing even the most elite athletes to their limits. For Team 4Mil this act of endurance is a commemoration to those who have so bravely served our country.

By participating in this highly regarded competition, Team 4Mil hopes to raise funds and spread awareness of the Wounded Warrior Project, which aims to ensure that injured veterans returning from service are successfully and fully adjusted back to civilian life. The Wounded Warrior Project enables fellow veterans such as Team 4Mil to support and aid those who have sustained serious injury while serving their country.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me today in honoring Team 4Mil as they continue their journey of extraordinary determination and manifest their duty to those who have bravely served our country.

CONGRATULATING THE CARSONVILLE-PORT SANILAC FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE INAUGURAL 8-PLAYER MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize a special achievement recently accomplished by the Carsonville-Port Sanilac (C-PS) Tigers High School Football Team. C-PS capped off a remarkable and extremely memorable season by taking home to Sanilac County the first ever Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) 8-Player State Championship. After the necessary 20 high schools announced they would be fielding teams in 2011, the MHSAA was able to implement an official playoff schedule. This was more than welcomed news to CP-S since they had gone

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undefeated the previous year winning an “unofficial” title. But with this new opportunity on the horizon, C-PS demonstrated what real team work is to reach the pinnacle of this historic season.

With Head Coach Tim Brabant entering his second season in charge, the Tigers played strong hard-nosed football focusing on the basic fundamentals and taking each play one at a time. This meant players executing their designated assignments and beating the man in front of him. This also included playing sound defense with solid tackling and an implementing offense scheme that would make an NFL playbook look elementary. The Tigers kept constant pressure on their opponents forcing them to commit untimely errors and more importantly capitalizing on those mistakes.

After making the eight hour trek to Marquette in the Upper Peninsula to face-off against their opponent, the Rapid River Rockets, in the finals at the Superior Dome, the team brushed aside any potential distractions and solely focused on winning. Despite the best efforts of Rapid River, C-PS would not to be denied. Tigers had the proper preparation and were eager to seize the day.

Jumping out front quickly in the first quarter to a 27–6 lead, the Tigers saw that margin reduced by halftime to a 39–20 score. One important note is that unlike 11-man football, a 19 point lead is anything but safe. Similar to arena football, points can come quick and they can come often. But once again, the Tigers were up to the challenge and simply closed the door on the Rockets by shutting them out in the second half. This amazing feat is rarely accomplished in 8-player football. There is an old adage in sports which I think holds true for the Tiger's season, “Offense wins games, but defense wins championships.” I am proud to say the Tigers capped off this outstanding season with a 59–20 win and an overall record of 12 wins and only one defeat.

The Tigers throughout the year exhibited the intangible ingredients which make up a winning football team: heart, discipline and a positive attitude. As legendary Hall of Fame Green Bay Packers Coach Vince Lombardi once said, “A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, determination, the dedication and the competition drive and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done.”

I applaud these young men for remaining both mentally and physically ready to compete. In addition, I want to commend the Tigers for staying energized and focused each time they stepped on to the gridiron. I understand this can be extremely difficult considering the numerous pressures and distractions high school student-athletes can encounter.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the hard work and sportsmanship displayed by all the team members. These individuals are: Danny Rickett, Justin Mackey, Sam Washe, Hayden Adams, Ryan Davis, Garrett Salisbury, Ismael Pacheco, Chase Munro, Steven Koehler, Tom Nantz, Aaron Smith, Tim Smith, Jon Childers, Chris Drescher, Levi Hurley, Tim Sherman, Nick Swift, Devin Adams and Trevor Adams along with Head Coach Tim Brabant, Defensive Coordinator Scott Steele, and Assistant Coaches Eugene Binder and Joe Rickett.

I also wish to acknowledge the administrators, teachers, cheerleaders, parents, students and fans alike for their assistance and support in making this an unforgettable season. The Tigers proved they had the talent, fortitude and resilience to rise to the challenge and accomplish their ultimate goal—a State Championship. Teamwork, perseverance and friendship all contributed to this title. I know the community and the entire Thumb Region takes great pride in what these young men were able to achieve.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I share that same pride. I want to offer my personal congratulations and best wishes. All the accolades, awards and trophies are rightfully deserved. Way to go Tigers!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes on December 1, 2011.

Roll 874: Jackson Lee (TX) Amendment (#2).—Exempts all rules promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security: “yes,” failed 173–244.

Roll 875: Cohen (TN) Amendment.—Exempts from the bill any rule that relates to food safety, workplace safety, consumer products safety, air or water quality: “yes,” failed 171–248.

Roll 876: Peters (MI) Amendment.—Exempts from the bill all rules that OMB determines would result in net job creation: “yes,” failed 179–243.

Roll 877: Jackson Lee (TX) Amendment (#5).—Requires a GAO report to determine the cost of carrying out the underlying bill and the effect it will have on federal agency rule making. In addition, the report would need to contain information on the impact of repealing the ability of an agency to waive provisions in the Regulatory Flexibility Act when responding to an emergency: “yes,” failed 172–250.

Roll 878: Johnson (GA) Amendment.—Creates an exception for any rule making that seeks to carry out the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act: “yes,” failed 170–250.

Roll 879: Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 527: “yes,” failed 188–233.

Roll 880: Final Passage of H.R. 527—The Regulatory Flexibility Act (Rep. Smith (TX)—Judiciary): “no,” passed 263–159.

Roll 881: H.Res. 364—Designating room HVC 215 of the Capitol Visitor Center as the “Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room” (Rep. Wasserman Schultz—Transportation and Infrastructure) Suspension bill: “yes,” passed 419–0.

DELAURO MEMORIAL TABLE UNVEILING IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, the following remarks were delivered by our colleague, Rep-

resentative ROSA L. DELAURO of Connecticut's Third Congressional District, on the occasion of the DeLauro Memorial Table Unveiling in New Haven, Connecticut, on Sunday, October 23, 2011.

Her remarks chronicle the extraordinary story of her mother and father, Luisa and Ted DeLauro, their neighborhood, their patriotism, and their service to a beloved community. It is the story of an American family, and the story of America as well. It also informs the U.S. House of Representatives why our colleague, Representative ROSA L. DELAURO, exhibits her values with such passion and excellence with her fighting spirit on behalf of her constituents, continuing the legacy of her parents' history and heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to pay tribute to our colleague, her parents, and all the members of the community who chose to honor the DeLauro family with their lasting tribute to them for all they have stood for and contributed. The name ‘DeLauro’ is synonymous with patriotism and service across generations and it is a privilege to place these words in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD which describe how one family has so enriched the America they loved and served so magnificently.

REMARKS OF THE HON. ROSA L. DELAURO

DELAURO MEMORIAL TABLE UNVEILING,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011

(As prepared for delivery)

Well, this is very special, and I do not know how to express my appreciation. I am beyond words. What a turnout.

Above all, I am appreciative that my mother Luisa is here to witness what you have built, and to hear your thoughts about my dad Teddy and her and their work. Luisa will be 98 this Christmas Eve and, as you can see, she knows when she is the center of attention.

I want to thank Mayor John DeStefano who had the inspired idea for this tribute. He met with Lynn Fusco, Jamie Cohen, Gerry Weiner, Barbara Segaloff, Robert Mele and others to bring his idea to fruition, consulting with community contacts in hopes of this being a surprise to Luisa and me. I only found about this effort well after it was under way.

In a cynical time, it is sometimes difficult to believe that someone's motives are just what they seem, trying to find a way to honor people's contribution. Mayor, your words today capture so much of our shared history and heritage—and I will not forget the many who were generous enough to support this work.

I should also thank Alderman Michael Smart. Independently, he had the idea of naming the corner of Academy and Chapel for Luisa. That too was a surprise, which only underscores this neighborhood's feelings for Luisa.

Jamie Cohen is the closest of friends, a neighbor and now head of the Valley Community Foundation. We started together working for Chris Dodd and the Dodd family and I love that he helped organize this effort, mobilize such talents and call on people's generosity. I will always remember his words today.

I am in awe of Senator Chris Dodd deciding to be here and offering such a special view. More than anyone, Chris combines humanity, loyalty, family and effectiveness to play such an historic role, captured at the University of Connecticut's Thomas Dodd Research Center. He did not say it, but Chris took some of the biggest risks on me—to run his first Senate campaign, to lead his office in